

Leadership training on internet governance for person with disabilities

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introduction

the global landscape of internet governance is evolving rapidly but inclusiveness lacks in many areas of internet governance.

accessibility barriers restrict person with disability to participate in global digital echo system. especially abled persons face problem of unawareness and their accessibility rights. this training aim to design to fill these

gaps

the primary purpose to organize 3-days leadership training to create digital rights advocates within disable communities and enhance their role in policy making.

overview of training program

Duration: 3-days

Format: workshop

Venue: Ramada hotel Islamabad

Key stake holders:

Cross disability group of people including visually challenge, physical challenge and deaf / hard of hearing persons

Path finder solutions private limited

Pakistan telecommunication authority (PTA)

ISOC accessibility standing group

Ministry of IT & telecom

Key topics covered

Internet Governance:

Know about Internet Governance (IG), multistakeholder model in IG, global IG eco system and current trends.

Accessibility best practices:

Learn how to identify and remove barriers in technology and the online environment.

Privacy and cybersecurity:

Understand the risks and best practices for protecting your online data and privacy.

Opportunities in internet governance (IG):

Get information about fellowship and grant opportunities in IG and explore the various mechanisms and platforms for influencing IG policies and decisions.

Pakistan's digital ecosystem:

Gain insights into the current state and future directions of Pakistan's digital landscape.

The role of individuals with disabilities in shaping IG policies:

Discover how you can contribute to creating a more inclusive and accessible internet

Training methodology

- interactive sessions
- group activity
- case study and real time examples

Insights and key learning

what is IG?

- internet governance means processes, rules and institutions that shape and manage to use and develop internet.
- we can also call it network of networks.
- it includes many stake holders like governments, businesses, technical experts, nonprofit organization and ultimately end users
- no individual or organization controls internet
- access to internet service involves many stakes holders
- most important stake holder in global IG echo system is end users.
- primary purpose of whole global IG echo system to provide internet access to every human being exist in this planet.
- according to stats global population is around 7 billion and 5.6 billion population have access to internet.
- 2.4 billion population are still unable to have access to the internet.

important institution/organizations

1 ICANN

ICANN stand for internet corporation for assigning name and numbers

it's a nonprofit organization

ICANN oversees the Domain Name System, which translates domain names (like www.pta.gov.pk into numerical IP addresses that computers use to identify each other on the network.

we can also call it global directory of domain names and IP addresses.

2 ISOC

ISOC was founded in 1992 by internet pioneers, including Vint Cerf and Bob Kahn,

purpose: Internet Society is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advocating for an open, globally connected, secure, and trustworthy internet for everyone.

3 IGF

Purpose: The IGF serves as a global platform for dialogue and discussion on public policy issues related to the internet. It was established by the United Nations to facilitate multi-stakeholder discussions on various aspects of internet governance.

Multi-Stakeholder Participation: The IGF follows a multi-stakeholder approach, bringing together representatives from governments, civil society, the private sector, technical communities, academia, and international organizations.

Annual Meetings: The IGF holds annual meetings, often in different locations around the world, where stakeholders gather to discuss and exchange views on emerging issues, challenges, and opportunities in internet governance.

4 ITU

Purpose: The ITU is a specialized agency of the United Nations (UN) responsible for issues related to information and communication technologies (ICTs), including telecommunications and the allocation of global radio spectrum and satellite orbits.

Global Telecommunication Standards: ITU develops global standards for telecommunications and ICTs, ensuring interoperability and seamless communication across different networks and technologies.

highlights of Pakistan digital eco system

- Pakistan is rank 3 in freelancing market share
- it is second largest country in financial outsourcing
- it has 196 million mobile user which 5th largest in world
- digital Pakistan policy review underway
- this policy contains special chapter on accessibility
 - but freelancers in Pakistan don't have international payment gateway like PayPal.

Data privacy and cyber security

in this training we learn about data privacy

Mubashir sargana cyber security expert shared useful tips

1 always have strong passwords including numbers and symbols

2 never sold your devices to the market like smart phones and laptops

3 never share your personal and family data and pictures on social media platforms.

norail abbas and Abia Akram give lecture on leadership & disability rights advocacy.

fellow ship and grants

Waqas Hassan briefed about different fellow ship and grants opportunities offered by ISOC, ICANN and ISOC foundation

basic knowledge about internet governance, strong writing skills and community plan these are most essential skills to win any fellowship and grant opportunity.

Action plan for community work

As mobility & IT trainer my access is very vast to visually impaired persons.

1 Need assessment:

Conduct online interviews within blind community to understand their specific challenges in internet usage and it access.

Consultation:

collaboration with other professionals and stake holders to identify existing issues and gaps.

2 curriculum development:

Creating accessible training material for visually challenge individuals according to their specific needs.

Consultation:

engage other stake holders specially government agencies for their feedback while curriculum development.

3 online classes/trainings

While my online classes I will include internet governance related information in my content

In my field trainings will add session on importance of internet governance and accessibility rights